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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

This response is timely filed. However, if the Commissioner determines that an extension of time is necessary to file the response, Applicants hereby petitions for such extension of time as the Commissioner deems necessary.

CONCLUSION

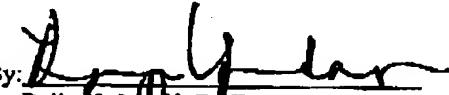
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (949) 250-6801.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225.

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